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PRESERVES BOARD CANCELS OCTOBER MEETING

DES MOINES – The Oct. 10 and 11 meeting and field tour of the State Preserves Advisory Board, in Dixon, has been canceled. The board will next meet in January 2006, in Des Moines.

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NEW CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES UNVEILED

Des Moines – Two new specialty license plates, one featuring a pheasant, the other an eagle, have been added to the options Iowans can choose from to support natural resource programs.

Cedar Rapids wildlife artist Greg Bordignon created the artwork for the plates that went on sale Sept. 20 at county treasurer offices. The two new plates join the goldfinch/wild rose license plate, all intended to generate more funding and recognition

for the state's Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program as well as the wildlife diversity program.

In an unveiling ceremony at DNR headquarters, director Jeff Vonk said the existing goldfinch/wild rose plate has been the state's most popular specialty plate with about 45,000 vehicles currently carrying them. He said he hopes 10,000 of the two additional natural resource plates will sell within a year at \$45 to buy and \$25 to renew, annually. Iowa has about 40 specialty plates to choose from supporting dozens of other special interests.

According to DOT officials, persons who currently have the goldfinch/wild rose plate can exchange that plate for one of the new ones for a fee of \$5 at their county treasurer's office. Motorists wishing to exchange any other type of plate for any of the three natural resources plates will need to take their plates and vehicle registration to their county treasurer's office and pay \$45 for natural resources plate. A \$90 personalized version is also available.

Vonk said the new plates are in response to many requests over the years for a selection of natural resources plates rather than just the goldfinch/wild rose plate.

"With every plate purchase, another person or family becomes more directly involved, by their own free will, in funding conservation programs in Iowa," he said, "and the plate on their vehicle testifies to that."

Income from natural resource plate sales and renewals last year amounted to about \$700,000, said Vonk. If 10,000 of the new plates were sold, that would generate another \$450,000 for REAP and wildlife diversity activities.

The 15-year-old REAP program provides grants and other funding for city, county and state parks, habitat, water quality, roadside vegetation, conservation education and historical projects. REAP's primary source of funding is state gaming revenues, with annual appropriations of \$11 million the last three years.

The wildlife diversity program focuses on the conservation of Iowa's 550 species of "nongame" wildlife that are not considered sport fish or game. In addition to the license plate income, this program receives funding from the Chickadee Checkoff in which Iowans can donate on their state income tax form, amounting to about \$150,000 last year.

New license plate income will be used as qualifying match for an estimated \$400,000 or more in state wildlife grants, appropriated annually by the Congress.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: (Digital images of the plates are available at www.iowadnr.com; link on this news release.)

DNR SEEKING COMMENTS ON CAMPGROUND RESERVATION SYSTEM

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) seeking public comments on a centralized system that will state park visitors to reserve camp sites, lodges, cabins and shelters. Comments will be accepted at a public hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27, which will be held over 21 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) locations throughout the state.

“Requests for camping reservations continue to be one of our more popular inquiries from the public,” says Kevin Szcodronski, chief of the State Parks Bureau. “We feel it is time to provide this service for those people who want to assure a site awaits them when arriving at the park.”

Not all campers will be required or forced to use the reservation system. First-come, first-serve sites will still be available for those campers not wishing to make a reservation. The opportunity to make a reservation will be available to those who want to plan ahead or are unable to go out early to get a site because they do not live close to the park.

After holding seven public meetings in June and talking with many campers, the DNR proposes to have 50 percent of all campsites on the reservation system. The other 50 percent will remain first-come, first-serve. “We will keep half the electric sites available for those people who prefer to not make a reservation,” explains Szcodronski. “We believe this is the best way to satisfy those desiring to make a reservation and those that want to just show up at the park.”

Those wishing to present oral comments on the reservation system may do so at the hearing. Comments can also be submitted via mail or email by Tuesday, Sept. 27 to sherry.arntzen@dnr.state.ia.us, or Sherry Arntzen, Project Manager, DNR – Campground Reservations Project, Wallace Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa 50319

CITY	FACILITY NAME	CLASSROOM ADDRESS	ROOM LOCATION
SPIRIT LAKE-HS	Spirit Lake High School	2701 HILL AVE., SPIRIT LAKE, IA 51360, DICKINSON CO.	Distance Learning Center
IOWA CITY-U OF I1	University of Iowa - 1	At the end of North Madison Street, IOWA CITY, IA 52242, Johnson County	Room Number: 107, Room Location: North Hall

MUSCATINE-CC	Muscatine Community College	152 Colorado Street, MUSCATINE, IA 52761, Muscatine County	Room Number: 60, Room Location: Larson Hall
BOONE-CC	DMAcc - Boone Campus	1125 Hancock Drive, BOONE, IA 50036, Boone County	Room Number: 117 & 118
CHARITON-HS	Chariton High School	501 N GRAND, CHARITON, IA 50049, Lucas County	Room Number: 116
KEOSAUQUA-HS	Van Buren Jr-Sr High School	405-4th St., KEOSAUQUA, IA 52565, Van Buren County	In building
CRESTON-AEA	Green Valley Area Education	Agency 14, 1405 N Lincoln, CRESTON, IA 50801, Union County	Turner Room
CLEAR LAKE-AEA	Area Education Agency 267 Regional Office - Clear Lake	9184B 265th Street, P.O. Box M, CLEAR LAKE, IA 50428, Cerro Gordo County	State Room
ELK HORN-HS	Elk Horn-Kimballton High School	4114 MADISON ST, ELK HORN, IA 51531, Shelby County	Room 4
FORT DODGE-HS	Fort Dodge High School	819 N 25TH ST, FORT DODGE, IA 50501, Webster County	Room 12
DES MOINES-SAYDEL-HS	Saydel High School	5601 NE 7TH ST, DES MOINES, IA 50313, Polk County	Room 300
KNOXVILLE-HS	Knoxville High School	1811 W MADISON, KNOXVILLE, IA 50138, Marion County	Room 125
COUNCIL BLUFFS-ED SVCS	Educational Services Center Administration	12 SCOTT STREET, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51503, Pottawattamie County	In building
RED OAK-HS	Red Oak High School	2011 N 8TH ST, RED OAK, IA 51566, Montgomery County	Room 304
EPWORTH-W DUBUQUE-HS	Western Dubuque High School	5TH AVE WEST, EPWORTH, IA 52045, Dubuque County	Room 101
SIOUX CITY-CENTRAL CAMPUS	Central Campus Individual Learning Center	1121 JACKSON ST, SIOUX CITY, IA 51105, Woodbury County	In building

CEDAR FALLS-AEA (CART)	Area Education Agency 267 -- Cedar Falls	3712 CEDAR HEIGHTS DR, CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613, Black Hawk County	In building
CEDAR RAPIDS-CC3	Kirkwood Community College -- 3	6301 KIRKWOOD BLVD SW, PO BOX 2068, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52406, Linn County	Room Number: 32A, Room Location: Bldg. 32A, Kirkwood Farm
GOOSE LAKE-NORTHEAST-HS	Northeast Jr-Sr High School	3690 Highway 136, Box 70, GOOSE LAKE, IA 52750, Clinton County	In building
WAYLAND-WACO-HS	Waco High School	611 N Pearl, WAYLAND, IA 52654, Henry County	In building
FAYETTE-PUB LIB	Fayette Community Library	104 W. State Street, P.O. Box 107, FAYETTE, IA 52142, Fayette County	In building

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WAUBONSIE STATE PARK ADDS FORMER GIRL SCOUT CAMP

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources purchased the 646-acre former Girl Scout Camp Wa-Shawtee from Edward Marshall for \$2.1 million. The land will be added to Waubonsie State Park, which will increase the park size by 52 percent, and is expected to double the number of visitor days. The expansion should generate a regional economic impact of at least \$1.8 million per year.

“This is probably the most significant addition to a state park in a generation,” said Kevin Szcodronski, chief of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources state parks bureau. The park will increase in size from 1,254 acres to around 1,900 acres.

The purchase was possible because of a one-time, \$1.5 million appropriation from the Iowa Legislature, and \$1 million from the Iowa Values Fund, through the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

The purchase includes 11 buildings, most of which will be used as rental cabins, and a swimming pool. The costs associated with remodeling the buildings for rental cabins including making sure all structures are handicap accessible, is estimated at \$400,000.

Waubonsie State Park is positioned well to draw visitors from Omaha/Council Bluffs, Lincoln, Neb., and from Kansas City. “We’re excited about the area because we think with all these new features, it will be a destination for people from those metro

areas,” Szcodronski said. “These visitors will be spending money in the local communities, beyond the park.”

Mark Ackelson, president of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, spoke to the Natural Resource Commission during its September meeting when the purchase was before the Commission for approval.

“Seldom have we had the opportunity to expand a state park with an addition as significant as the Wa-Shawtee property,” Ackelson said. “The Foundation has worked hundreds of hours over the last three years and spent thousands of dollars to help acquire this important area. It has been a major priority of our work over this time.”

The property has significant natural value. It contains one of the largest contiguous woodlands in the Loess Hills regions and is home to approximately 17 percent of the Waubonsie Special Landscape Area with clusters of exemplary prairie and geological features, identified as a priority for protection by the National Park Service.

Marshall purchased Camp Wa-Shawtee in March 2003 from the Girl Scouts, Great Plains Council, who owned the land since 1961. The buildings have been vacant since 2002.

Ackelson said Marshall wants the land to be used by “the folks, families and kids,” and rebuffed significantly higher offers from developers. “We are grateful that Edd has been willing to forego these lucrative offers and work with us to help create this special place,” Ackelson said.

Marshall donated an additional 65 acres to the Hole in the Hills for use as a camp for terminally ill children.

For more information, contact Szcodronski at 515-281-8674.

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PROFESSIONAL LUMBERJACK COMPETITION ADDED TO FOREST CRAFT FESTIVAL

KEOSAUQUA – Van Buren County will host the award winning Forest Craft and Scenic Drive Festival Oct. 8 and 9, in the Villages of Van Buren County and Lacey-Keosauqua State Park.

The Forest Craft Festival near the lodge at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The main entertainment will be the National Lumberjack Championship, sponsored by ECHO. The championship is a points competition where professional lumberjacks compete in log rolling, spring board tree

topping, hotsaw racing, crosscut sawing, axe throwing, and men and women log boon racing. Specially trained dogs will be showcased demonstrating log rolling and boon racing. The events are free to the public, but donations are encouraged.

Professionals are scheduled to compete at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. both days. After each show, and anyone in attendance will be allowed to participate in the water sports.

The festival will also showcase buck skinners, who will be camping at the Ely Ford area of the park and will demonstrate black powder shooting and have .22 rifle shooting for the kids. A hunter safety instructor will be on hand for the kid's event.

Vendors around the lodge will be selling food, wood crafts, wildlife carvings, and have chainsaw carving demonstrations. Admission is free and there is a shuttle bus service to bring visitors from the various parking lots within the park to the lodge. There is also a shuttle service from Keosauqua to the park. Both shuttles are free, but donations are appreciated.

Campsites will be available on a first come, first served basis and normal camping fees apply. Campsites may not be reserved.

For more information about the Forest Craft Festival, contact the park at 319-293-3502, or go to www.villagesofvanburen.com and under the Attractions dropdown box, click on Forest Craft Festival.

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ANNUAL FORT ATKINSON RENDEZVOUS SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

Fort Atkinson -- Thousands of Iowans and late summer vacationers are expected to make the pilgrimage to northeast Iowa this weekend for the 29th Annual Fort Atkinson Rendezvous.

The annual celebration recreates life as it was on the Iowa frontier in the 1840s with authentic buckskinners, U.S. Army dragoons, black powder shoots, crafts, contents, demonstrations and period music. The two-day celebration is packed with demonstrations on basket weaving, rug hooking, pottery, blacksmithing and period hunting and trapping and more. Numerous contests are planned, including skillet throw, cooking, flint and steel, shooting, turkey calling and knife throwing competitions. Youngsters will also have an opportunity to see and play games popular with kids of that era.

The two-day event will be held Sept. 23-24. Hours for the event are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The theme of this year's rendezvous is "Religion on the Frontier."

There is no admission charge, and parking is free. Fort Atkinson State Preserve is located on the north side of the town of Fort Atkinson in Winneshiek County, just west of Iowa Highway 24. It is approximately 175 miles northeast of Des Moines, or 90 miles north of Cedar Rapids.

For more information, contact Scot Michelson, Volga River Recreation Area park ranger, at 563-425-4161.

CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL HAWK MIGRATION ALONG THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

MARQUETTE - A free celebration of the annual hawk migration at Effigy Mounds National Monument, near Marquette, is coming Sept. 24 and 25. Activities are family oriented and can be enjoyed by people from experts to those with little or no knowledge of birds of prey.

Weekend presentations will feature live hawks and owls. Experts will be discussing raptor rehabilitation, the life and behavior of owls, identification techniques, and the art and sport of falconry, and endangered species. Program schedules will be available just prior to the event.

The activities are located at the visitor's center at Effigy Mounds National Monument. The monument offers a museum, hiking trails, lookouts over the Mississippi River and the prehistoric American Indian effigy burial mounds.

A program on Sept. 23 will discuss threats to birds of prey beginning at 7 p.m. at the visitor's center. A bird hike on Sept. 24, begins at 8 a.m. Hawk watching activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Activities for kids are a major part of the event, including making owl masks, raptor mobiles and hawk drawing with pastels.

The HawkWatch event at Effigy Mounds is staffed by the Iowa DNR, Audubon members, the Iowa Nature Mapping staff and volunteers who count wild migrants as they fly overhead. Typically, several hundred migrants are counted daily, including sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, red-tailed, red-shouldered and broad-winged hawks, peregrine falcons, ospreys, eagles, vultures and others.

For more information, contact Pam Kester at 563-873-1236 or by email at kestrel@alpinecom.net or Effigy Mounds National Monument at 563-873-3491 or go to www.nps.gov/dfmo/

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IOWA'S PHEASANT HUNTING FORECAST

By Joe Wilkinson

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Hunters heading into the field Opening Day should see more pheasants than a year ago. A mild winter and normal spring teamed up to boost this fall's ringneck forecast by 19.2 percent over 2004.

"It's a more optimistic outlook for birds and hunters," anticipates Todd Bogenschutz, upland game biologist for the Department of Natural Resources. "There are significantly better numbers in northwest, north central and central counties. In all regions, except the south central area, populations are similar or higher than last year. Based on this year's numbers, pheasant hunters should harvest between 900,000 and 1 million pheasants this fall." Iowa's pheasant season runs October 29 to January 10, 2006.

That forecast follows the annual August roadside count, in which more than 200, 30-mile routes are driven by DNR wildlife workers and conservation officers. On the early morning, gravel road routes, surveyors tally pheasant numbers, brood sizes and other upland species seen such as quail, partridge and rabbits. The 2005 statewide average of 35.9 pheasants per route is in line with the 35.2 bird 10-year average, though still lagging behind the 45.5 bird long-term average. It is the second highest count recorded in the last seven years.

Bogenschutz points to a mild winter for the upturn in this fall's pheasant population. "We averaged 18 inches of snow statewide. That's 28 percent below normal and improves chances for hen survival. Just 12 years in the 118 years of weather records showed less snowfall," explains Bogenschutz. "In addition, we had favorable spring weather for nesting. Temperatures were slightly above normal. April and May precipitation was essentially normal across most of the state."

Some extremes in weather were noted. The drought-like pocket in east central and southeast Iowa...as well as spotty deluges of rain across northern Iowa will create spotty pheasant numbers as hunters get out this fall and winter. "We are seeing a lot of birds now as well travel the back roads," offers DNR conservation officer Gary Koppie, assigned to Palo Alto and Emmet counties in northwest Iowa. "Some of the traditional routes where we usually count 60-plus birds might have had only 30 or 35. Yet, some of the 30 to 32 pheasant routes were reporting 60 this year. That goes back to local spotty rains flooding some nests. Overall, it looks slightly better than prior years."

Bogenschutz rates as 'excellent' a band that wraps around Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas and Sac Counties in north central/northwest Iowa. Most of the rest of the state rates 'good' to 'fair.' Most of south central Iowa gets a 'poor' rating this season, along with several far western counties and the eastern half of counties bordering the Mississippi River. Typical of the spotty nature of the count,

though is a narrow, 40-mile stretch from Crawford into Sac County that runs the gamut, from poor to fair to good to excellent.

Biologists caution, though, that hunter success can vary from township to township, depending on local weather...*and habitat*. “Whenever there is better habitat, pheasants do well,” points out Bogenschutz. “Excellent habitat and abundant public lands should offer some excellent hunting this year (in northern counties). That’s been the ‘core’ pheasant range with lots of agriculture and some of the better habitat. Across central Iowa also, there is still a nice mix of grass with crops, which helps pheasants.”

Hunters harvested just over 750,000 pheasants in 2004. In 2003, that harvest was just under 1,100,000.

Sidebar: Regional Outlook

Iowa’s pheasant forecast varies from region to region, tied heavily to the August roadside counts. This year, the birds per route and change from last year looks like this:

Statewide: 35.9, +19.2%

Northwest: 63.5, +15.8

North central: 42.7, +33.6

Northeast: 24.7, +21.4

West central: 32.3, +40.1

Central: 51.2, +45.7

East central: 26.7, (-0.4)

Southwest 27.3, +17.8

South central 11.5, (-39.6)

Southeast 23.7, (-2.7)

Quail scarce; partridge, cottontail solid in traditional counties

Bobwhite quail numbers remain in a long-term decline, even in traditional southern Iowa counties. DNR upland game biologist Todd Bogenschutz citing intensified agriculture as the primary reason, warning that the drop will continue unless modifications in the Conservation Reserve Program or other habitat programs can be attained. The better counts came in the area around, south and southwest of Ottumwa. The statewide index is 0.72 birds/route, a drop of 23 percent over last year. That is just above the 10-year, 0.6 quail average, but well below the historic figure of 1.5 quail per route.

Gray partridge were seen on more routes this year, with the 2.88 per route count the highest recorded since 1998; up significantly from the 2004 count of 2.05 birds. That estimate is still 9 percent below the 10-year count and 33 percent down from the

historical trend. Bogenschutz says dry weather in eastern regions, along with that mild winter, led to the increase. The northwestern quarter of the state showed best partridge numbers, with most of Cherokee, O'Brien, Sioux, Osceola and Lyon counties shown as 'excellent.'

Cottontail rabbits were down from last year, but Bogenschutz still sees the trend (6.1 per route, down from 7.7 in 2004) at or near 10-year and historical averages. Southwest and south central counties showed the highest bunny numbers, though that south central index is down due to 'too dry' conditions; something experienced in east central and southeast counties, too. With cottontail reproduction best in seasons with normal to slightly above normal moisture, field staff predicts best rabbit hunting success should be in nine or 10 counties on either side of Creston in southwest Iowa.

Jackrabbit numbers remain down, due to the long-term loss of traditional habitat of small grain and hayfields and pastures. The 2005 count dropped 50 percent compared to 2004 and is 63 percent below the 10-year average; 88 percent down when compared to long-term trends. Most jackrabbits observed where in the northwest, north central and central regions.

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ACCOLADES SERVED UP AT ANNUAL CAMPGROUND HOST RECOGNITION PICNIC

STANTON — The Department of Natural Resources said "thank you" to a group of important volunteers last week. The third annual Campground Host Recognition Celebration took place at Viking Lake State Park Sept. 13.

Roughly half of Iowa's 102 campground hosts attended Tuesday's event. DNR officials honored them for the vital services they provide to Iowa's state parks.

"I think your role is one of the most important volunteers play," Merry Rankin, director of the DNR's Keepers of the Land volunteer program, told the attendees. "State parks are kind of a gateway for folks to experience natural resources. And you are our stewards as visitors enter these gateways."

Campground hosts serve as information sources and general laborers at state parks. They greet visitors, answer questions and often help clean and maintain park facilities. Hosts live and work on campgrounds during the busy summer camping seasons.

"We enjoy camping and it gave us the opportunity to camp more," said Marylin Foote, who hosts with husband Ed at Viking Lake. "And the people really appreciate what you do. That makes it all worthwhile."

Roughly 25 campground hosts arrived at Viking Lake a day early to enjoy free camping, join a potluck dinner, take a pontoon-boat tour of the park at sunset and swap camping season stories around a fire. The next day, DNR officials treated the hosts to a catered lunch, gave them certificates of appreciation and presented a program on the history of Iowa state parks.

Last year, more than 8,500 volunteers served with the Iowa DNR, contributing the work of approximately 90 full-time employees. Their service amounts to a \$2.5 million gift to the DNR each year. Parks volunteers — including campground hosts — account for about 40-percent of that total.

For more information, contact Merry Rankin at (515) 281-0878 or at Merry.Rankin@dnr.state.ia.us.

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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR CARTER LAKE CLEANUP

CARTER LAKE — Citizens of Carter Lake fought back this weekend against the garbage tarnishing their lake. More than 200 volunteers pulled litter from the mud and water on Saturday, Sept. 17 during the First Annual Carter Lake Cleanup.

The event brought the community of Carter Lake together and succeeded in beautifying the lake, said Steve Wilbur, President of Shoals Homeowner's Association, one of the effort's sponsors.

"We put a big dent in the trash out on the lake," Wilbur said. "We had really good success with the volunteers. They came out in force."

Various groups and citizens from Carter Lake – near Omaha, Neb. – organized the event in response to ongoing dumping and the presence of dangerous, unsightly garbage in the lake.

Volunteers removed enough glass, metal and plastic recyclables to fill 1.5 10-wheel dump trucks. They collected enough scrap metal to fill 15 10-wheel dump trucks and enough non-recyclable garbage items to fill 9 10-wheel dump trucks.

Items recovered from the lake included three bicycles, roughly 100 tires, roughly 20 55-gallon barrels, various traffic signs, a 12-gauge shotgun, three safes, an old-fashioned adding machine, a 14-foot long side of a wooden boat, a Porta-Potty, a post hole driver, a 20 foot section of train rail, a steel I-beam with rebar attached, a 30 foot heavy cable, a children's slide, an old fashioned children's pedal tractor and much more.

Participants included members of the Creighton Rowing Team, the Silver Hawks Ski Club and people from across the state. Most of the volunteers, however, were Carter Lake citizens concerned about their town and its resources.

“I love our community and I think it’s our responsibility to get the lake cleaned up,” said volunteer Terry Wells. “I think it’s really exciting how many people came out here.”

At the event, volunteers formed five to six member teams and walked the 315-acre lake’s shore, loading garbage onto canoes and flat-bottomed boats. Jet-skis then towed the boats to various collection points. Participants then sorted through the garbage to remove all recyclable materials.

The cleanup also included free breakfast, lunch and dinner, evening entertainment and a prize drawing — including hotel stays, meals and golf passes donated by local businesses. Organizers gave away more than 60 prizes, worth more than \$1,000.

The cleanup was the first step in saving the lake, Wilbur said. Organizers plan to make the cleanup an annual event, with the next outing planned for April 8. They hope to eventually tackle the lake’s low water levels, Wilbur said.

Keepers of the Land, the Iowa DNR’s volunteer program, assisted the cleanup in the areas of waste management, volunteer recruitment and recognition, sponsorship and publicity. The volunteer program offers similar help to other efforts statewide.

Numerous groups and individuals made the cleanup success through donations and support, including:

A-1 Containers & Hauling, Accurate Sprinkler System, Alter Trading Corporation, Ampe’s Homestyle Café, Blue Waters Mini Golf, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Club, Buddy’s Marina, Budget Auto Sales, Bull Feathers, Carol Davis Thermal Underwear, Carter Lake City Parks, Carter Lake Community Resource Center, Carter Lake Hardware, Carter Lake Improvement Club, Carter Lake Senior Center, Carter Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Chez Paree, City of Carter Lake, City Super Shop, Coca Cola, Council Bluffs Savings Bank, Dairy Queen, Echo Lighting, Jeanne and Mark Eibes, Goodkind and Goodkind, Holiday Inn Express, Hollywood Diner, Jerre Hunter, Keep Omaha Beautiful, Kicks 66, Kwik Shop, Liberty Bank, Loffredo Fresh Produce, Manuel’s Tire Shop, Midwest Appraisal, Millard Roadhouse, Millard Sprinkler, Omaha Marine Center, Peoples National Bank, Pepsi Bottling Group, Pettit’s Pastry, Quality Lawns, Restaurants, Inc., Rick’s Boatyard Café, River City Star, Shoal Home Owner, Shoeline Golf Course, Silver Hawks Ski Club, Sprigs a Global Eatery, Subway, Sunderland Brothers Co., Super 8 Carter Lake, Trajet Whirlpool Bath, Tri City Dental, VFW, Walingford Construction, Weyerhaeuser, Wingate Inn and Yankee Hill Brick and Tile.

For more information, contact Steven Wilbur at (712) 847-0847 or at sswilbur1@aol.com or Jeanne Eibes at (712) 347-6455.

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